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HIGHLIGHTS

April was generally not a good month for New Mexico's economy according to preliminary labor force estimates. The State's unemployment rate was 7.8 percent in April, up slightly from March's 7.7 percent rate; however normally the State's jobless rate declines significantly during this early spring period. New Mexico's unemployment rate is now considerably above the year ago rate of 7.1 percent. The number of unemployed was 44,800 in April, up 800 from March and up 4,300 from one year ago. The U. S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) was 9.2 percent in April.

Looking at the nonfarm payroll job estimates for April, rather modest springtime employment gains in construction, trade and services were partially offset by large layoffs in the metal mining industry and by smaller job losses in several manufacturing sectors. The metal mining loss of 1,000 jobs was concentrated in the depressed copper and uranium areas. Kennecott Corporation laid off several hundred workers at their Silver City area copper mine, and Anaconda suspended operations at their uranium mine and mill near Grants. Additional layoffs in metal mining will show up in the estimates over the next few months. Phelps Dodge laid off about 600 workers at their Grant county copper mine after the employment reference period in April, and two uranium producers, United Nuclear and Gulf Minerals, have announced gradual curtailments of their Gallup/Grants area operations. A total of 650 uranium workers could be laid off by the two companies by mid-summer.

In manufacturing, small job losses were reported in April in transportation equipment, apparel, and other nondurable goods which dropped the over-the-year job comparison in manufacturing to -700.

The only major industries in New Mexico continuing to report yearly job increases were trade and finance, insurance & real estate. The services industry has several sectors reporting significant twelve-month gains; however, these continue to be offset by substantial job losses in social services.

APRIL SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Apr 1982	Mar 1982	Apr 1981	Mar 1982	Apr 1981
Civilian Labor Force	574,100	572,400	571,400	+1,700	+2,700
Employment	529,300	528,400	530,900	+ 900	-1,600
Unemployment	44,800	44,000	40,500	+ 800	+4,300
Rate (Actual)	7.8	7.7	7.1		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim APR 1982	Revised MAR 1982	Revised APR 1981	Change From APR MAR 1982	Change From APR APR 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	474,900	472,700	475,000	+2,200	- 100
MINING	29,700	30,600	30,800	- 900	-1,100
Metal Mining	7,500	8,500	9,900	-1,000	-2,400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	+ 200
Oil and Gas Extraction	16,900	16,800	15,800	+ 100	+1,100
CONSTRUCTION	32,100	31,500	32,900	+ 600	- 800
MANUFACTURING	33,000	33,100	33,700	- 100	- 700
Durable Goods	20,400	20,300	20,800	+ 100	- 400
Lumber and Wood Products	2,000	1,900	2,600	+ 100	- 600
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	3,700	3,700	3,400	0	+ 300
Transportation Equipment	3,600	3,700	3,800	- 100	- 200
Other Durable Goods	11,100	11,000	11,000	+ 100	+ 100
Nondurable Goods	12,600	12,800	12,900	- 200	- 300
Food and Kindred Products	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Textiles and Apparel	3,200	3,300	3,500	- 100	- 300
Other Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,700	5,600	- 100	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,600	28,400	28,900	+ 200	- 300
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,000	3,000	+ 100	- 900
Trucking and Warehousing	5,800	5,700	5,500	+ 100	+ 300
Other Transportation	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	- 100
Communication	7,400	7,400	7,400	0	0
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,600	9,600	9,200	0	+ 400
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	107,900	106,600	103,800	+1,300	+4,100
Wholesale Trade	23,000	22,900	22,300	+ 100	+ 700
Durable Goods	14,000	13,900	13,500	+ 100	+ 500
Nondurable Goods	9,000	9,000	8,800	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	84,900	83,700	81,500	+1,200	+3,400
General Merchandise Stores	10,500	10,400	10,100	+ 100	+ 400
Food Stores	12,600	12,300	11,600	+ 300	+1,000
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,600	11,600	12,000	0	- 400
Eating and Drinking Places	29,200	28,600	27,500	+ 600	+1,700
Other Retail Trade	21,000	20,800	20,300	+ 200	+ 700
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	21,900	21,900	21,500	0	+ 400
Banking	7,600	7,600	7,300	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8,900	8,900	8,800	0	+ 100
SERVICES	94,400	94,000	95,300	+ 400	- 900
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,100	9,700	10,000	+ 400	+ 100
Personal Services	4,600	4,700	4,700	- 100	- 100
Business Services	20,600	20,200	20,200	+ 400	+ 400
Health Services	23,300	23,500	21,800	- 200	+1,500
Social Services	6,700	6,600	11,100	+ 100	-4,400
Membership Organizations	5,000	4,800	4,800	+ 200	+ 200
Other Services	24,100	24,500	22,700	- 400	+1,400
GOVERNMENT	127,300	126,600	128,100	+ 700	- 800
Federal	28,900	28,600	29,800	+ 300	- 900
State 2/	44,500	44,600	45,400	- 100	- 900
Local	53,900	53,400	52,900	+ 500	+1,000

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

Some weakness was evident in the Albuquerque labor force situation in April according to preliminary estimates. Although both the number of unemployed and the unemployment rate decreased over the month, both declines were smaller than normally expected in April. The Albuquerque area unemployment rate was 7.1 percent, down from March's 7.3 percent, and the number of unemployed fell by 400 to 14,900. The statewide unemployment rate in April was 7.8 percent. Albuquerque's unemployment rate has been diverging from the statewide indicator over the last three months largely due to mining layoffs in several other areas of the state.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment estimates in April were dominated by seasonal gains in most sectors. The major exception was manufacturing which recorded a 100 loss in the apparel sector of nondurable goods. Trade and services continued to be the only major industries in the area recording employment growth from one year ago. The largest over-the-year job reductions were in government and manufacturing, with job declines of 1,400 and 900 respectively.

APRIL SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Apr 1982	Mar 1982	Apr 1981	Mar 1982	Apr 1981
Civilian Labor Force	210,900	209,600	212,000	+1,300	-1,100
Employment	196,000	194,300	197,000	+1,700	-1,000
Unemployment	14,900	15,300	15,000	- 400	- 100
Rate	7.1	7.3	7.1		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim APR 1982	Revised MAR 1982	Revised APR 1981	APR Change From MAR 1982	APR Change From APR 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	188,600	187,400	189,100	+1,200	- 500
CONSTRUCTION	11,500	11,300	12,100	+ 200	- 600
MANUFACTURING	16,900	17,000	17,800	- 100	- 900
Durable Goods	11,900	11,900	12,300	0	- 400
Nondurable Goods	5,000	5,100	5,500	- 100	- 500
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,400	11,300	11,800	+ 100	- 400
Transportation	5,100	5,000	5,400	+ 100	- 300
Communication	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	- 200
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	+ 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	48,200	47,700	46,800	+ 500	+1,400
Wholesale Trade	13,700	13,500	13,100	+ 200	+ 600
Durable Goods	9,100	9,000	8,700	+ 100	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,500	4,400	+ 100	+ 200
Retail Trade	34,500	34,200	33,700	+ 300	+ 800
General Merchandise Stores	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	- 200
Food Stores	4,000	3,900	3,900	+ 100	+ 100
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	- 100
Eating and Drinking Places	12,900	12,700	12,200	+ 200	+ 700
Other Retail Trade	9,700	9,700	9,400	0	+ 300
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,000	10,900	11,000	+ 100	0
Banking	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,700	4,600	4,700	+ 100	0
SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS	46,800	46,700	45,400	+ 100	+1,400
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	2,800	2,700	2,700	+ 100	+ 100
Health Services	11,200	11,300	10,400	- 100	+ 800
Social Services	2,500	2,500	2,700	0	- 200
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,500	1,600	+ 100	0
Other Services and Mining	28,700	28,700	28,000	0	+ 700
GOVERNMENT	42,800	42,500	44,200	+ 300	-1,400
Federal	12,500	12,400	12,900	+ 100	- 400
State	12,000	12,000	12,500	0	- 500
Local	18,300	18,100	18,800	+ 200	- 500

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim APR 1982	Revised MAR 1982	Revised APR 1981	APR Change From MAR 1982	APR Change From APR 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	31,550	31,250	30,200	+300	+1,350
CONSTRUCTION	1,775	1,775	1,725	0	+ 50
MANUFACTURING	2,725	2,675	2,550	+ 50	+ 175
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,225	1,225	1,225	0	0
Transportation	600	575	575	+ 25	+ 25
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	625	650	650	- 25	- 25
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,850	5,750	5,350	+100	+ 500
Wholesale Trade	900	925	900	- 25	0
Retail Trade	4,950	4,825	4,450	+125	+ 500
General Merchandise Stores	800	725	625	+ 75	+ 175
Food Stores	700	675	575	+ 25	+ 125
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	750	725	0	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	1,725	1,700	1,625	+ 25	+ 100
Other Retail Trade	975	975	900	0	+ 75
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,225	1,200	1,200	+ 25	+ 25
SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS	4,225	4,175	4,300	+ 50	- 75
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	625	650	+ 25	0
Business Services	725	725	750	0	- 25
Health Services	725	725	675	0	+ 50
Social Services	325	325	425	0	- 100
Other Services	1,800	1,775	1,800	+ 25	0
GOVERNMENT	14,525	14,450	13,850	+ 75	+ 675
Federal	4,350	4,350	4,125	0	+ 225
State	5,500	5,525	5,425	- 25	+ 75
Local	4,675	4,575	4,300	+100	+ 375

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR 1982	MAR 1982	APR 1981	APR 1982	MAR 1982	APR 1981	APR 1982	MAR 1982	APR 1981
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$462.09	$454.94	$446.85	43.8	43.0	45.0	$10.55	$10.58	$9.93
CONSTRUCTION	357.75	419.10	369.63	34.3	39.5	37.0	10.43	10.61	9.99
MANUFACTURING	273.39	280.02	252.97	39.0	39.0	39.9	7.01	7.18	6.34
Durable Goods	299.83	296.74	269.18	39.4	39.2	40.6	7.61	7.57	6.63
Nondurable Gds	218.50	246.27	221.95	38.2	38.6	38.6	5.72	6.38	5.75
COMM and UTIL	369.15	365.31	343.20	40.7	40.1	41.2	9.07	9.11	8.33
TRADE *	246.75	238.70	243.53	35.1	35.0	35.5	7.03	6.82	6.86
BANKING	181.91	182.89	170.46	37.2	37.4	37.3	4.89	4.89	4.57
ALBUQUERQUE									
Manufacturing	$293.09	$286.34	$259.43	39.5	38.8	40.6	$7.42	$7.38	$6.39

* Excludes Eating and Drinking places

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Sperry Flight Systems has received a $3 million U. S. Air Force contract for 119 F-16 digital air data computer systems and company officials said all the equipment will be manufactured at their Albuquerque plant. Sperry is now expanding its city plant by 118,000 square feet and expects to employ 800 to 1,000 persons by next spring. Comprehensive Care Corporation of Newport Beach, California has leased a three acre parcel next to the Civic Center and plans to build a 70-bed hospital specializing in drug and alcohol treatment. The new hospital will employ approximately 200 full and part-time staff. Work is underway on the city's new $3 million downtown parking structure. The Bank of Albuquerque plans to open a new 6,000 square foot branch office in the Northeast Heights. Santa Fe Railway has rehired approximately 120 of the 175 workers laid off in February at their Centralized Work Equipment Facility in Albuquerque. Mountain Bell expects to add 75 jobs to their Albuquerque workforce by this fall as the company establishes a regional data processing center in the city. Work has begun on the $12.2 million Energy Technology Laboratory at Sandia National Laboratories which will provide office space for 500 Sandia employees.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - White Sands Missle Range paid $14.1 million in contracts to local trade area businesses during the second quarter of fiscal year 1982. The largest contract, $7.9 million, went to Dynalectron Corporation at Holloman Air Force Base for data collection and technical services. Plans for a 16 story, 100 unit high rise condominium project was recently approved by the Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Commission. The new facility will be part of development project at the site of the Chaparral Motor Hotel. Ruidoso Downs Race Track opened its 1982 racing season on May 8th. The track will be open until Labor Day.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - The $250,000 improvement project at Living Desert State Park in Carlsbad should be complete by June according to the project's contractor Richardson and Richardson Construction. A new ABC affiliate television station employing approximately 22 persons is scheduled to begin operations in Carlsbad by this September. Several area potash mines are planning three week vacation shutdowns in June due to large potash inventories. Duval Corporation officials announced a layoff of approximately 35 workers at their Eddy county potash mine.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Selected Casings, a sausage casing manufacturer in Portales, has laid off 35 workers, reducing their employment to a total of 67 workers according to company officials. Building contractors of Albuquerque was awarded a $894,000 contract to construct a city office building in Portales. Honetreat Incorporated has announced a layoff of approximately 25 workers at their oilfield tubing manufacturing plant due to the current slowdown in oil and gas drilling.

ESPANOLA AREA - Evergreen Lumber Company's sawmill in Chama is now operating again on a three day a week schedule with a workforce of 18.

FARMINGTON AREA - Gulf Energy Processing Company has been granted a state permit to build a $490,000 natural gas processing plant near Fruitland. A new 80 to 100 unit motel which will be named The Five Seasons is planned for Bloomfield by the M & K Corporation.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - United Nuclear Corporation (UNC) is suspending operations at its Churchrock uranium mine and mill because of the slump in the uranium market. Approximately 130 UNC workers were laid off May 5th and an additional 300 will be laid off in the next few weeks. Gulf Mineral Resources has also announced a reduction in force at their Mount Taylor mine. Gulf officials said that 150-200 workers will be laid off over a period of several weeks beginning in mid-May. The State Correction Department's plans for the proposed $19 million intake center and womens prison near Grants now call for construction to start in early September. Work on the new facility should take almost two years to complete.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Hobbs voters passed a $3 million school bond issue which will be used to construct a new elementary school. Bids are scheduled to be opened June 4 for construction of a new Lea County detention center expected to cost $4.4 million. Work on the new facility should take about one year to complete.

LAS CRUCES AREA - The new SWIG pecan processing plant is scheduled to open in June with a workforce of about 80. Employment at the plant should total 160 by this fall. Burns Construction recently completed site preparation work for the $31.5 million medium security prison located west of Las Cruces. The new prison will employ 265 persons when in operation. The new J. C. Penny department store being built in the Mesilla Valley Mall is scheduled to open on July 8. The new store is expected to employ approximately 120 persons. The 9,300 square foot expansion of the C. R. Anthony Company store in Loretta Mall has been completed.

LAS VEGAS AREA - The Bank of Las Vegas has awarded a $1.4 million contract to Luther Construction Company of Albuquerque for construction of a new bank addition. A new McDonalds restaurant which will employ 60 persons is scheduled to open June 20, 1982.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory was forced to layoff 45 persons due to federal funding cutbacks in fiscal year 1982. Initially almost 400 positions were threatened; however voluntary retirees, a hiring freeze and normal attrition saved most of the jobs.

ROSWELL AREA - Security National Bank has announced plans for a $9 million construction and renovation project for Roswell. A five story, 80,000 square foot office building will be built next to Security National's existing building. Construction is expected to begin in early September and be completed by the summer of 1983. Work is underway on a $1.7 million bowling center in Roswell. The new facility should be completed by early fall.

SANTA FE AREA - Construction has started on the New Mexico School for the Deaf's new $1.5 million auditorium. The Santa Fe City Council has approved the location of a 5.5 acre shopping center at the intersection of Zia Road and Rodeo Road. The Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe will reopen July 1 after a 28-month, $2.7 million construction and renovation project.

SILVER CITY AREA - Kennecott Minerals Corporation laid off an additional 230 copper smelter workers at its Chino Mines Division on May 1st. Kennecott had previously laid off approximately 600 workers in late March. Sharon Steel Corporation terminated another 50 employees May 21 at their Fierro copper mine, reducing the total workforce at the mine to 28. Sharon Steel employed approximately 380 workers at the Fierro mine before the first of their layoffs last July.

TAOS AREA - The Rio Costilla Recreation Development Corporation has requested the Taos County Commission issue industrial revenue bonds totaling $10 million to fund development of a ski area the firm wants to build near Amalia.

TUCUMCARI AREA - The Albuquerque based firm which has been studying the possibility of extracting oil from tar sands near Santa Rosa now wants to start extraction operations by the middle of next year. Solv Corporation plans to employ 72 persons in the mining operation and another 85 in the processing plant used for the extraction process.

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April 1982 CPI-U - 284.3
(Base 1967=100)
CPI-W - 283.7

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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Annual Planning Report

The fiscal year 1983 New Mexico Annual Manpower Planning Report will be published shortly. The highlights and outlook for the State is summarized below. Copies of the complete report can be requested from the Research and Statistics Section at the address on page one of this publication.

New Mexico's population increased to 1,328,000 in mid 1981, up from 1,302,894 in 1980 and 1,017,055 in 1970. Over 80% of the population increase during the last 10 years has been in Bernalillo, San Juan, Dona Ana, Valencia, Santa Fe, Sandoval and McKinley Counties.

During 1981 there was some improvement in the State's labor force picture with total nonagricultural jobs growing by 10,100 jobs compared to the 4,400 increase of the previous year. At the same time the unemployment rate fell slightly from 7.5% in 1980 to 7.3% in 1981.

Economic growth should improve somewhat in the upcoming fiscal year which begins this October, in line with national recovery, but there will still be problems in some economic sectors. In mining the boom in petroleum appears likely to continue. However, short term layoffs in copper will probably remain, and no turn-around is likely in the uranium collapse. Construction work may finally start moving up, if national interest rates decline. A number of manufacturing companies, especially electronics, have major expansion plans. Trade and service employment should grow, as the national economy improves, inflation abates, and tax decreases are implemented. Federal government budget restrictions are likely to have a major negative impact on both direct and indirect non-defense government employment.

Unemployment is expected to stay at high levels through most of 1982, before declining somewhat in 1983. New jobs will be insufficient to absorb all the new entrants, re-entrants and immigrants.

Among occupations likely to offer best employment prospects in the next year are maintenance (auto, auto body, diesel), data processing (programmer, systems analyst), industrial (electronic technician, welder), clerical-skilled (secretary, typist), engineering (civil, electrical), food services (cook, waitress), health services (nurse, physical therapist), and sales. Good training and previous experience are usually very important factors in getting a job in these fields.

Despite economic growth, poverty and underemployment remain major problems in the State, concentrated in rural areas and among minority groups. Nearly 50,000 (14%) of New Mexico families had less than a poverty level income, one of the highest rates in the country. It is estimated that about 150,000 individuals are eligible for federal manpower programs due to unemployment, underemployment, or poverty criteria.

A number of factors continue to act as barriers to employment. These include lack of suitable job opportunities, inadequate education or experience, poor transportation, failing health, age, lack of child care facilities, and limited knowledge of the job market. These factors are often interrelated.

OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY APRIL 1982 [1]				REVISED MARCH 1982 [1]				REVISED APRIL 1981 [1]			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	574,045	529,257	44,788	7.8	572,374	528,360	44,014	7.7	571,482	530,936	40,546	7.1
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA [2]	210,976	196,047	14,929	7.1	209,553	194,291	15,262	7.3	212,055	197,048	15,007	7.1
LAS CRUCES SMSA [3]	36,726	33,684	3,042	8.3	36,387	33,226	3,161	8.7	35,423	32,631	2,792	7.9
Catron	914	772	142	15.5	893	675	218	24.4	904	838	66	7.3
Chaves	22,004	20,915	1,089	4.9	21,708	20,714	994	4.6	21,297	19,865	1,432	6.7
Colfax	6,071	5,698	373	6.1	6,056	5,672	384	6.3	5,985	5,636	349	5.8
Curry	14,218	13,500	718	5.0	14,344	13,530	814	5.7	14,327	13,517	810	5.7
De Baca	979	948	31	3.2	951	923	28	2.9	979	961	18	1.8
Eddy	23,222	21,991	1,231	5.3	22,938	21,811	1,127	4.9	22,039	21,191	848	3.8
Grant	12,167	9,702	2,465	20.3	11,904	10,317	1,587	13.3	10,635	9,988	647	6.1
Guadalupe	1,416	1,316	100	7.1	1,378	1,267	111	8.1	1,539	1,358	181	11.8
Harding	719	714	5	0.7	610	589	21	3.4	831	810	21	2.5
Hidalgo	2,599	2,310	289	11.1	2,389	2,256	133	5.6	2,552	2,440	112	4.4
Lea	34,020	32,721	1,299	3.8	33,245	32,411	834	2.5	30,749	30,004	745	2.4
Lincoln	6,547	6,370	177	2.7	6,301	6,108	193	3.1	5,987	5,829	158	2.6
Los Alamos	10,350	10,216	134	1.3	10,398	10,207	191	1.8	10,461	10,155	306	2.9
Luna	4,983	4,460	523	10.5	4,913	4,431	482	9.8	4,943	4,502	441	8.9
McKinley	18,755	16,820	1,935	10.3	18,978	16,939	2,039	10.7	19,520	17,525	1,995	10.2
Mora	1,040	711	329	31.6	1,065	692	373	35.0	1,098	732	366	33.3
Otero	13,628	12,564	1,064	7.8	13,376	12,325	1,051	7.9	13,408	12,541	867	6.5
Quay	5,043	4,687	356	7.1	4,784	4,408	376	7.9	4,915	4,609	306	6.2
Rio Arriba	11,074	8,835	2,239	20.2	11,238	8,721	2,517	22.4	10,792	8,741	2,051	19.0
Roosevelt	7,201	6,953	248	3.4	7,305	6,984	321	4.4	7,427	7,195	232	3.1
San Juan	39,449	36,263	3,186	8.1	40,034	36,641	3,393	8.5	40,277	37,305	2,972	7.4
San Miguel	8,467	7,573	894	10.6	8,606	7,674	932	10.8	8,484	7,578	906	10.7
Santa Fe	36,184	33,899	2,285	6.3	36,364	33,951	2,413	6.6	36,272	33,999	2,273	6.3
Sierra	2,686	2,581	105	3.9	2,800	2,677	123	4.4	3,041	2,975	66	2.2
Socorro	4,407	4,108	299	6.8	4,450	4,090	360	8.1	4,549	4,248	301	6.6
Taos	10,096	8,311	1,785	17.7	10,597	8,874	1,723	16.3	9,475	7,963	1,512	16.0
Torrance	2,303	2,189	114	5.0	2,224	2,105	119	5.4	2,199	2,148	51	2.3
Union	2,343	2,184	159	6.8	2,236	2,094	142	6.4	2,500	2,408	92	3.7
Valencia, Cibola [4]	23,458	20,215	3,243	13.8	24,349	21,757	2,592	10.6	26,819	24,196	2,623	9.8

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.

3/ Dona Ana County.

4/ Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia counties are not yet available.

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment situation continued to deteriorate during May according to preliminary estimates. The number of persons unemployed grew by 7,900 over the month while total employment declined by 2,600. The State's unemployment rate jumped from 7.8 percent in April to 9.1 percent in May.

Total nonagricultural payroll jobs in the State advanced by 1,000 jobs during May, significantly less than normally expected this time of year. This meager employment showing was caused primarily by weakness in the mining, construction and manufacturing industries. Mining employment fell by 1,000 during the month mainly due to continued layoffs in the copper industry. Also adversely affecting mining employment was the slowdown in oil and gas exploration activity. Oil and gas extraction lost 300 jobs during the month which is very unusual for May. The last two years oil and gas extraction has recorded job gains in the 400 to 600 range during this period.

Construction posted no change in employment this May when usually an 800 to 1,000 increase is expected. Manufacturing lost 300 jobs over the month, caused by employment reductions in the primary metal and apparel sectors. The primary metal manufacturing loss was in copper smelting.

The State's unemployment rate can be expected to move even higher next month, caused by additional layoffs in the copper and uranium industries and the usual influx of students and graduates into the labor market seeking employment.

The recent copper industry layoffs in New Mexico have been in the Silver City (Grant County) area and the unemployment estimates reveal the economic problems this area is experiencing. Between December 1981 and May 1982 the Grant County unemployment rate has risen from 7.6 to 33.7 percent.

MAY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	May 1982	Apr 1982	May 1981	Apr 1982	May 1981
Civilian Labor Force	579,200	573,900	577,900	+5,300	+ 1,300
Employment	526,600	529,200	537,000	-2,600	-10,400
Unemployment	52,600	44,700	40,900	+7,900	+11,700
Rate (Actual)	9.1	7.8	7.1		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAY 1982	Revised APR 1982	Revised MAY 1981	Change From APR 1982	Change From MAY 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	475,800	474,800	478,500	+1,000	-2,700
MINING	28,700	29,700	31,300	-1,000	-2,600
Metal Mining	6,800	7,500	9,900	- 700	-3,100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	5,300	5,300	5,200	0	+ 100
Oil and Gas Extraction	16,600	16,900	16,200	- 300	+ 400
CONSTRUCTION	32,100	32,100	33,700	0	-1,600
MANUFACTURING	32,800	33,100	34,200	- 300	-1,400
Durable Goods	20,300	20,500	21,100	- 200	- 800
Lumber and Wood Products	2,000	2,000	2,700	0	- 700
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	3,800	3,700	3,500	+ 100	+ 300
Transportation Equipment	3,600	3,600	3,800	0	- 200
Other Durable Goods	10,900	11,200	11,100	- 300	- 200
Nondurable Goods	12,500	12,600	13,100	- 100	- 600
Food and Kindred Products	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Textiles and Apparel	3,100	3,200	3,600	- 100	- 500
Other Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,000	28,700	29,100	+ 300	- 100
Railroad Transportation	2,500	2,300	3,000	+ 200	- 500
Trucking and Warehousing	5,700	5,700	5,600	0	+ 100
Other Transportation	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Communication	7,400	7,300	7,400	+ 100	0
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,600	9,600	9,300	0	+ 300
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	109,500	107,900	106,000	+1,600	+3,500
Wholesale Trade	23,200	23,000	22,500	+ 200	+ 700
Durable Goods	14,100	14,000	13,600	+ 100	+ 500
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,000	8,900	+ 100	+ 200
Retail Trade	86,300	84,900	83,500	+1,400	+2,800
General Merchandise Stores	10,600	10,500	10,400	+ 100	+ 200
Food Stores	12,700	12,600	11,900	+ 100	+ 800
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,500	11,600	12,000	- 100	- 500
Eating and Drinking Places	30,500	29,400	28,300	+1,100	+2,200
Other Retail Trade	21,000	20,800	20,900	+ 200	+ 100
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	22,200	22,000	21,600	+ 200	+ 600
Banking	7,700	7,600	7,400	+ 100	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,100	9,000	8,800	+ 100	+ 300
SERVICES	95,300	94,300	94,600	+1,000	+ 700
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,300	10,100	10,200	+ 200	+ 100
Personal Services	4,500	4,700	4,500	- 200	0
Business Services	20,200	20,600	20,100	- 400	+ 100
Health Services	23,600	23,300	21,900	+ 300	+1,700
Social Services	6,900	6,700	9,700	+ 200	-2,800
Membership Organizations	5,100	4,900	4,900	+ 200	+ 200
Other Services	24,700	24,000	23,300	+ 700	+1,400
GOVERNMENT	126,200	127,000	128,000	- 800	-1,800
Federal	29,200	28,900	30,600	+ 300	-1,400
State 2/	43,400	44,600	44,300	-1,200	- 900
Local	53,600	53,500	53,100	+ 100	+ 500

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area's unemployment situation worsened during May according to preliminary labor force estimates. The number of unemployed in the Bernalillo/ Sandoval county area was 16,800 in May, up by 1,800 from April and 2,000 from May 1981. The unemployment rate rose over the month from 7.1 to 7.9 percent. Last May the Albuquerque area's jobless rate stood at 7.0 percent.

All major industries except Government reported modest seasonal job gains during May. Trade saw the largest monthly increase, up by 700 jobs from April. The services industry posted a 400 advance generally spread among lodging places, health, amusements and membership organizations. The construction increase of 200 jobs was somewhat below this industry's normal late spring expansion. Perhaps the most noteable employment movement for the month was the 300 increase in transportation caused mainly by the rehiring of previously laid off railroad workers. The Government job loss of 200 was caused by the beginning of summer layoffs of non-contract education employees in state and local government.

Over the year, the trade and services industries continued to report modest employment growth, while the remaining major job categories lost jobs. The largest job losses were in manufacturing, followed by construction and government.

MAY SUMMARY [1/]

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	May 1982	Apr 1982	May 1981	Apr 1982	May 1981
Civilian Labor Force	211,400	211,200	212,500	+ 200	-1,100
Employment	194,600	196,200	197,700	-1,600	-3,100
Unemployment	16,800	15,000	14,800	+1,800	+2,000
Rate	7.9	7.1	7.0		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAY 1982	Revised APR 1982	Revised MAY 1981	MAY Change From APR 1982	MAY Change From MAY 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	190,100	188,600	189,700	+1,500	+ 400
CONSTRUCTION	11,700	11,500	12,400	+ 200	- 700
MANUFACTURING	16,900	16,900	17,900	0	-1,000
Durable Goods	12,000	11,900	12,400	+ 100	- 400
Nondurable Goods	4,900	5,000	5,500	- 100	- 600
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,600	11,300	11,900	+ 300	- 300
Transportation	5,300	5,000	5,500	+ 300	- 200
Communication	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	- 200
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	+ 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	48,900	48,200	47,500	+ 700	+1,400
Wholesale Trade	13,800	13,700	13,200	+ 100	+ 600
Durable Goods	9,200	9,200	8,800	0	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,500	4,400	+ 100	+ 200
Retail Trade	35,100	34,500	34,300	+ 600	+ 800
General Merchandise Stores	3,800	3,900	4,000	- 100	- 200
Food Stores	4,100	4,000	4,000	+ 100	+ 100
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	- 100
Eating and Drinking Places	13,400	12,900	12,500	+ 500	+ 900
Other Retail Trade	9,700	9,600	9,600	+ 100	+ 100
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,000	10,900	11,000	+ 100	0
Banking	2,900	2,800	2,900	+ 100	0
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
SERVICES and MISCELLANEOUS	47,300	46,900	45,600	+ 400	+1,700
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	2,900	2,800	2,800	+ 100	+ 100
Health Services	11,400	11,300	10,400	+ 100	+1,000
Social Services	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	- 100
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,500	1,700	+ 100	- 100
Other Services and Mining	28,800	28,700	28,000	+ 100	+ 800
GOVERNMENT	42,700	42,900	43,400	- 200	- 700
Federal	12,600	12,600	13,000	0	- 400
State	11,900	12,000	11,800	- 100	+ 100
Local	18,200	18,300	18,600	- 100	- 400

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim MAY 1982	Revised APR 1982	Revised MAY 1981	MAY Change From APR 1982	MAY Change From MAY 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	30,850	31,350	30,400	-500	+450
CONSTRUCTION	1,650	1,775	1,900	-125	-250
MANUFACTURING	2,725	2,700	2,550	+ 25	+175
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,175	1,175	1,200	0	- 25
Transportation	550	575	550	- 25	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	625	600	650	+ 25	- 25
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,800	5,775	5,450	+ 25	+350
Wholesale Trade	900	900	925	0	- 25
Retail Trade	4,900	4,875	4,525	+ 25	+375
General Merchandise Stores	725	700	650	+ 25	+ 75
Food Stores	700	700	575	0	+125
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	750	725	0	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	1,725	1,725	1,650	0	+ 75
Other Retail Trade	1,000	1,000	925	0	+ 75
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,225	1,225	1,225	0	0
SERVICES & MISCELLANEOUS	3,950	4,175	4,000	-225	- 50
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	675	650	650	+ 25	+ 25
Business Services	725	725	750	0	- 25
Health Services	725	700	675	+ 25	+ 50
Social Services	300	325	375	- 25	- 75
Other Services	1,525	1,775	1,550	-250	- 25
GOVERNMENT	14,325	14,525	14,075	-200	+250
Federal	4,425	4,350	4,425	+ 75	0
State	5,300	5,500	5,350	-200	- 50
Local	4,600	4,675	4,300	- 75	+300

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 1982	APR 1982	MAY 1981	MAY 1982	APR 1982	MAY 1981	MAY 1982	APR 1982	MAY 1981
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$460.53	$463.95	$419.69	43.0	43.4	44.6	$10.71	$10.69	$9.41
CONSTRUCTION	423.23	358.80	384.93	38.9	34.6	39.0	10.88	10.37	9.87
MANUFACTURING	274.22	273.31	257.44	39.4	39.1	40.1	6.96	6.99	6.42
Durable Goods	297.53	300.60	273.38	39.2	39.5	40.5	7.59	7.61	6.75
Nondurable Gds	225.89	216.98	225.76	39.7	38.2	39.4	5.69	5.68	5.73
COMM and UTIL	367.02	369.56	350.28	40.6	40.7	41.7	9.04	9.08	8.40
TRADE *	240.30	245.70	236.51	35.6	35.2	35.3	6.75	6.98	6.70
BANKING	191.18	179.94	170.75	38.7	37.1	37.2	4.94	4.85	4.59
ALBUQUERQUE									
Manufacturing	$290.29	$293.88	$265.74	38.5	39.5	41.2	$ 7.54	$ 7.44	$6.45

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Intel Corporation officials announced plans to open their new semiconductor manufacturing plant in Rio Rancho in mid-1983. The new plant should employ approximately 200 workers when production begins. The Intel plant was completed in 1981; however the slump in the semiconductor industry has delayed start of production at the facility. Intel hopes to eventually employ 5,000 workers at the Rio Rancho plant. The new 414 room Marriott Hotel is scheduled to open July 20th. The hotel is expected to employ approximately 325 persons. Work has begun on a 152 bed nursing home in the Northeast Heights which will be operated by Four Seasons Nursing Centers Incorporated. Winrock Inn has announced plans to build an eight-story tower to the west of the inn which will contain 120 mini-suites. The low bidder on a $1.6 million renovation project for the Bernalillo County Courthouse was John R. Lavis Construction.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - Kalil Bottling Company, the largest independent soft drink bottler in the Southwest, is locating a distribution facility in Alamogordo which will employ about 15 persons.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Elmac Corporation has announced it will reduce manufacturing operations at its Carlsbad mining equipment plant which will result in the layoff of 35 employees. Commercial Bank and Trust is locating a new 6,000 square foot branch in Carlsbad. Jay Roehl and Associates is planning to locate a 78 room motel and restaurant in Artesia. Plans have not been finalized but the firm wants to build the new motel on West Main Street. A second motel is being planned for Artesia by Dale Cooper. Plans call for a $2 million, 60 room facility which will be named Best Western Artesian Inn. The Bataan Bridge over the Pecos River will be rehabilitated at a cost of approximately $800,000. H & E Electric Supply Company plans to build a new facility on a 32 acre site in Carlsbad. The Department of Energy has announced that approximately $114.5 million in contracts are expected to be awarded from April 1983 through November 1986 for the Waste Isolation Pilot Project located near Carlsbad.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Rocky Mountain Ethanol Systems Incorporated has begun operating their $3 million ethanol plant near Clovis. Ware Produce Incorporated is constructing a potato packaging plant in Clovis which will employ 35 workers when it opens in July.

ESPANOLA AREA - Duke City Lumber Company has doubled production at its Hernandez lumber mill resulting in the addition of about 20 to their workforce. The mill had been operating on only a single shift since last August when 65 employees were laid off.

FARMINGTON AREA - A new $1.1 million warehouse type grocery store is being constructed in Farmington. The new facility will be the home of Sack N Save Warehouse Food and is expected to open in mid-July. Rio Grande Motorway, part of a regional freight trucking operation, has closed resulting in the layoff of 10 employees.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - Santa Fe Industries has announced plans for a $140 million coal mining venture in the San Juan Basin. The new coal mine will be located 35 miles north of Grants and eventually employ a total of 400 persons. Construction of the mine is expected to begin this summer and mining operations should begin by early 1984. Homestake Mining Company is planning to close its Section 25 uranium mine near Grants on June 26th resulting in the layoff of 75 workers.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA - First Interstate Bank of Lea County recently opened its new $1.5 million Broadmoor branch in Hobbs. W. A. Jourdan Incorporated was low bidder of $4.6 million for the new Lea County Jail facility to be located in Lovington. M and M Rental Tools is expanding into a new $650,000 facility in Hobbs.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Furtex West is closing its fabric manufacturing plant in Las Cruces. Company officials said 109 employees will be laid off due to the plant closure.

A $7 million US Air Force complex is under construction at NASA's test facility adjacent to White Sands Missile Range. The new complex will house about 200 Air Force personnel involved in support services for space shuttle missions and orbiting satellites. Work is scheduled to start soon on a 100,000 square foot shopping center located on North Main in Las Cruces. The new center, Cruces Norte, will contain large Albertson's and Revco Drug stores and space for about 24 other tenants. Micro Switch, a division of Honeywell, has announced plans to build a 40,000 square foot manufacturing plant north of Las Cruces. Micro Switch currently employs 40 workers at a leased plant in the city and the new facility should employ approximately 100 when it opens early next year.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Work is continuing by Cornell Incorporated of Clovis on the $4.9 million Acoma Research and Rehabilitation Unit at the State Hospital in Las Vegas. A new McDonalds franchise employing approximately 65 persons has opened in Las Vegas.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - Davis and Associates Incorporated of Santa Fe has been awarded a $3.6 million contract for construction of research facilities at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

RATON AREA - Approximately 100 workers at the York Canyon coal mine were temporarily laid off in mid-June. The mine was shutdown because of lack of coal demand related to the current slump in the copper industry. Peter Kewitt and Sons Construction Company were the low bidders of $2.7 million for a road repaving and improvement project on the York Canyon road.

ROSWELL AREA - Mountain Bell has announced that approximately 35 to 40 employees in Roswell will be transferred to other cities by mid-August. City of Roswell Building Inspector has reported building permits issued this May to be a 10-fold increase over May 1981.

SANTA FE AREA - A new four story retail office and restaurant complex is scheduled to be built in downtown Santa Fe. Two housing developments are being planned for the Santa Fe area. Developer Walton Chapman plans to build a 154 unit single-family housing development on Lower Agua Fria Road and developer Charles Klotsche wants to construct a luxury townhouse/single family residence project on a 146 acre tract northwest of Santa Fe. The total price of the Klotsche development would be in the $650,000 to $750,000 range.

SILVER CITY AREA - Kennecott Minerals Corporation suspended operations at their Chino mines Division on May 31st, resulting in the layoff of 350 workers. Kennecott previously laid off a total of 900 workers at their copper mine in March and early May. Employees at Phelps Dodge's copper smelter in Hidalgo county have agreed to take a 10 percent pay cut in order to avoid the layoffs which have plagued the copper industry. The Hidalgo smelter is the only property of Phelps Dodge still in production.

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May 1982 CPI-U - 287.1
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CPI-W - 286.5

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY MAY 1982 [1]				REVISED APRIL 1982 [1]				REVISED MAY 1981 [1]			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	579,219	526,619	52,600	9.1	573,939	529,220	44,719	7.8	577,957	537,046	40,911	7.1
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA [2]	211,453	194,620	16,833	8.0	211,168	196,211	14,957	7.1	212,460	197,707	14,753	6.9
LAS CRUCES SMSA [3]	36,976	33,156	3,820	10.3	36,529	33,492	3,037	8.3	36,879	33,747	3,132	8.5
Catron	957	829	128	13.4	914	773	141	15.4	960	899	61	6.4
Chaves	22,346	21,089	1,257	5.6	22,009	20,927	1,082	4.9	21,696	20,286	1,410	6.5
Colfax	6,570	6,099	471	7.2	6,075	5,702	373	6.1	6,445	6,127	318	4.9
Curry	14,204	13,446	758	5.3	14,225	13,508	717	5.0	14,452	13,638	814	5.6
De Baca	1,000	959	41	4.1	979	948	31	3.2	1,017	981	36	3.5
Eddy	23,553	22,057	1,496	6.4	23,228	22,005	1,223	5.3	22,718	21,741	977	4.3
Grant	12,731	8,435	4,296	33.7	12,019	9,539	2,480	20.6	10,809	10,141	668	6.2
Guadalupe	1,430	1,329	101	7.1	1,416	1,317	99	7.0	1,572	1,409	163	10.4
Harding	584	573	11	1.9	719	714	5	0.7	828	812	16	1.9
Hidalgo	2,509	2,247	262	10.4	2,598	2,312	286	11.0	2,561	2,410	151	5.9
Lea	33,932	32,580	1,352	4.0	34,014	32,741	1,273	3.7	31,320	30,547	773	2.5
Lincoln	7,303	7,111	192	2.6	6,552	6,374	178	2.7	6,854	6,654	200	2.9
Los Alamos	10,344	10,091	253	2.4	10,355	10,223	132	1.3	10,519	10,273	246	2.3
Luna	5,165	4,500	665	12.9	4,982	4,462	520	10.4	5,086	4,613	473	9.3
McKinley	18,967	16,596	2,371	12.5	18,754	16,830	1,924	10.3	19,408	17,374	2,034	10.5
Mora	1,108	727	381	34.4	1,039	711	328	31.6	1,107	772	335	30.3
Otero	13,632	12,570	1,062	7.8	13,632	12,572	1,060	7.8	13,727	12,796	931	6.8
Quay	5,292	4,909	383	7.2	5,042	4,690	352	7.0	5,059	4,752	307	6.1
Rio Arriba	11,023	8,745	2,278	20.7	11,067	8,841	2,226	20.1	10,773	8,943	1,830	17.0
Roosevelt	7,338	7,038	300	4.1	7,207	6,958	249	3.5	7,488	7,229	259	3.5
San Juan	39,620	35,782	3,838	9.7	39,454	36,285	3,169	8.0	40,341	37,117	3,224	8.0
San Miguel	8,532	7,530	1,002	11.7	8,468	7,578	890	10.5	8,429	7,546	883	10.5
Santa Fe	36,588	34,113	2,475	6.8	36,190	33,920	2,270	6.3	36,865	34,631	2,234	6.1
Sierra	2,693	2,583	110	4.1	2,685	2,582	103	3.8	3,109	3,022	87	2.8
Socorro	4,425	4,017	408	9.2	4,414	4,110	304	6.9	4,503	4,137	366	8.1
Taos	10,163	8,254	1,909	18.8	10,189	8,394	1,795	17.6	9,469	7,959	1,510	15.9
Torrance	2,276	2,157	119	5.2	2,257	2,146	111	4.9	2,235	2,191	44	2.0
Union	2,365	2,193	172	7.3	2,290	2,128	162	7.1	2,518	2,416	102	4.1
Valencia, Cibola [4]	24,140	20,284	3,856	16.0	23,469	20,227	3,242	13.8	26,750	24,176	2,574	9.6

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.

3/ Dona Ana County.

4/ Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia counties are not yet available.